

NATIONWIDE SAR INITIATIVE (NSI)



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Provides an overview of the Nationwide Suspicious Activity Reporting (SAR) Initiative (NSI).

[Unified Message](#)

This Unified Message document was created to help clarify a unified approach to the process of reporting and sharing information related to suspicious activity.

[NSI Hometown Security Partners](#)

This document is an overview of the SAR Hometown Security Partners Training strategy, which provides SAR awareness training for partners with similar missions to those of law enforcement constituencies, or "hometown security partners."

[NSI Privacy Fact Sheet](#)

This fact sheet provides an overview of the various components of the NSI Privacy Protection Framework, which is an integral element to the protection of privacy throughout the SAR process and to the overall success of the NSI.

[Building Community Partnerships](#)

This fact sheet provides an overview of the Building Community Partnerships (BCP) initiative, which was established to assist fusion centers and law enforcement agencies in engaging with and developing productive relationships with the critical sector and community stakeholders they serve to enable partnerships in the protection of critical infrastructure and the prevention of crime and terrorism.

[ISE-SAR Functional Standard](#)

Builds upon, consolidates, and standardizes nationwide aspects of those ISE-relevant activities already occurring at the federal, state, and local levels with respect to the processing, sharing, and use of suspicious activity information.

[10 Ways to Integrate SAR Into Your Agency's Operations](#)

This document provides a brief overview of ten strategies that can be implemented by any agency to allow for the timely sharing of SAR information and to integrate the SAR process into its own operations.

[State and Local Anti-Terrorism Training \(SLATT®\) Program Terrorism Incidents Database Overview](#)

Provides an overview of the SLATT database, which allows users to track terrorism trends, identify areas of high activity, and match terrorism pre-incident indicators against similar cases, both past and present.

[Final Report: Information Sharing Environment \(ISE\)—Suspicious Activity Reporting \(SAR\) Evaluation Environment](#)

Provides lessons learned, best practices, and implementation steps identified during the ISE-SAR Evaluation Environment that can be utilized while implementing the NSI.

[Maritime Suspicious Activity Reporting Initiative \(MSI\)](#)

This document is an overview of the Maritime Suspicious Activity Reporting Initiative (MSI), a multifaceted approach to improve the capability of maritime stakeholders to identify, report, evaluate, and share pre-incident terrorism indicators to prevent future acts of terrorism.

[Validation of the Nationwide Suspicious Activity Reporting \(SAR\) Initiative](#)

This executive summary details the University of Maryland's National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism (START) initiative to compare pre-incident activities of terrorists and violent criminal extremists in the United States to the 16 suspicious activity reporting (SAR) behavioral indicators that are outlined in the Information Sharing Environment (ISE) SAR Functional Standard as being observed behaviors reasonably indicative of preoperational planning related to terrorism or other criminal activity. The START Study verifies the utility of the Nationwide SAR Initiative (NSI), which provides law enforcement and homeland security agencies with a uniform method for gathering and reporting raw tips, leads, and reports of suspicious activity.

[Campus Safety NSI Awareness Flyer](#)

This resource contains an overview of the Nationwide Suspicious Activity Reporting (SAR) Initiative (NSI) and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's "If You See Something, Say Something™" public awareness campaign. In addition, it provides links to resources for campus law enforcement, first responders, and campus administrators to assist with developing emergency operations plans, security practices, and safety guidelines for colleges, universities, and trade and technical schools.

[Safety for Faith-Based Events and Houses of Worship NSI Awareness Flyer](#)

This resource contains an overview of the Nationwide Suspicious Activity Reporting (SAR) Initiative (NSI) and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's "If You See Something, Say Something™" public awareness campaign. In addition, it provides links to resources for security personnel, law enforcement, and first responders; nonprofit and private sector resources; and additional resources to assist with developing emergency operations plans, security practices, and safety guidelines for houses of worship and faith-based events.

Policy Resources

[National Strategy for Information Sharing and Safeguarding \(NSISS\)](#)

The 2012 NSISS provides guidance for more effective integration and implementation of policies, processes, standards, and technologies that promote secure and responsible national security information sharing.

[Suspicious Activity Reporting Process Implementation Checklist](#)

Provides a simplified checklist for chief executives and senior leadership to implement a SAR process within their agencies.

[Suspicious Activity Reporting Indicators and Behaviors](#)

This tool for analysts and investigators details potential criminal or noncriminal activities requiring additional information during the vetting process or investigation, as well as defined criminal activity and potential terrorism nexus activity. When the activity involves behavior that may be lawful or is a constitutionally protected activity, the investigating law enforcement agency will carefully assess the information and gather as much information as possible before taking any action, including documenting and validating the information as terrorism-related and sharing it with other law enforcement agencies.

[Suspicious Activity Reporting Indicators and Examples](#)

This resource provides the 16 ISE-SAR indicators, their respective definitions, and examples of suspicious activity scenarios that correlate with each of the indicators.

[Final Report: Information Sharing Environment \(ISE\)—Suspicious Activity Reporting \(SAR\) Evaluation Environment](#)

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[Findings and Recommendations of the SAR Support and Implementation Project](#)

This report and its recommendations are important for establishing national guidelines that will improve the identification and reporting of suspicious activity and will allow for the timely sharing of SAR information with law

enforcement agencies, fusion centers, and the Joint Terrorism Task Forces (JTTFs).

[National Strategy for Information Sharing](#)

Sets forth a national plan to build upon progress and establish a more integrated information sharing capability.

Privacy Resources

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[Updated Privacy Policy Review Process](#)

This document details the new privacy policy review process. It has been recently modified to support fusion centers and expedite the finalization of their privacy policies.

[Fact Sheet: Privacy, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties Analysis and Recommendations Report for the Nationwide Suspicious Activity Reporting \(SAR\) Initiative \(NSI\)](#)

This fact sheet provides a brief background on the NSI and a description of the privacy, civil rights, and civil liberties framework. It also lists highlights and observations and details recommendations for NSI implementation.

[The Nationwide Suspicious Activity Reporting \(SAR\) Initiative \(NSI\) Privacy, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties Analysis and Recommendations](#)

This report provides an update to the Initial Privacy and Civil Liberties Analysis published in September 2008. It contains a review of the development and implementation of the now concluded Information Sharing Environment Suspicious Activity Reporting (SAR) Evaluation Environment (EE) and makes recommendations to be followed during the nationwide implementation of the NSI.

[The Importance of Privacy, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties Protections in American Law Enforcement and Public Safety](#)

This training video assists local, state, and tribal law enforcement line officers in understanding their role in the protection of privacy, civil rights, and civil liberties as they perform their everyday duties. The video provides an introductory overview of what privacy, civil rights, and civil liberties protections are; examples of these protections; and the important function line officers have in upholding these protections. The short video may be used during roll call and in-service training, incorporated into agency distance-learning capabilities, and used to complement other agency privacy-related training efforts.

Technology Resources

[ISE-SAR Functional Standard](#)

Builds upon, consolidates, and standardizes nationwide aspects of those ISE-relevant activities already occurring at the federal, state, and local levels with respect to the processing, sharing, and use of suspicious activity information.

[Enterprise Architecture Program](#)

This document laid the foundation in defining practices and methodologies required to build implementable and executable information sharing enterprise architectures and to segment architectures leveraging core ISE principles.

[National Information Exchange Model \(NIEM\)](#)

NIEM is designed to develop, disseminate, and support enterprise-wide information exchange standards and processes that can enable jurisdictions to effectively share critical information in emergency situations, as well as support the day-to-day operations of agencies throughout the nation.

Training Resources

[NSI Training Overview](#)

This overview provides a description of the multifaceted approach to the NSI training strategy, which includes training programs for frontline officers, analysts, and chief executives, as well as SAR awareness training for partners with similar missions to those of law enforcement constituencies.

[SAR Analysis Training and Technical Assistance Services Overview](#)

This document provides an overview of the suspicious activity reporting (SAR) analysis training and technical assistance services available to fusion center analysts.

[Suspicious Activity Reporting \(SAR\) for Public Health and Health Care Partners](#)

This document provides information on the online Suspicious Activity Reporting (SAR) for Public Health and Health Care Partners Training and the importance of public health and health care professionals in the overall SAR effort. A chart of SAR indicators and behaviors is included.

[Suspicious Activity Reporting Emergency Management Training Overview](#)

Suspicious Activity Reporting Emergency Management Training is a module of the NSI's Hometown Security Partners suite of online training. This overview provides an introduction to the NSI, relates how emergency management professionals may fit into the suspicious activity reporting process, and includes instructions on accessing the training. A chart of suspicious activity reporting indicators and behaviors is included.

[Suspicious Activity Reporting Explosive Precursors Point of Sale Training](#)

Suspicious Activity Reporting Explosive Precursors Point of Sale Training is a module of the NSI's Hometown Security Partners suite of online training. This overview provides an introduction to the NSI, relates how retail professionals at the point of sale for explosive precursors may fit into the suspicious activity reporting process, and includes instructions on accessing the training. A chart of suspicious activity reporting indicators and behaviors is included.

[Suspicious Activity Reporting Fire and Emergency Medical Services Training Overview](#)

Suspicious Activity Reporting Fire and Emergency Medical Services Training is a module of the NSI's Hometown Security Partners suite of online training. This overview provides an introduction to the NSI, relates how fire and emergency medical services professionals may fit into the suspicious activity reporting process, and includes instructions on accessing the training. A chart of suspicious activity reporting indicators and behaviors is included.

[Suspicious Activity Reporting Maritime Sector Training Overview](#)

Suspicious Activity Reporting Maritime Sector Training is a module of the NSI's Hometown Security Partners suite of online training. This overview provides an introduction to the NSI, relates how maritime industry professionals may fit into the suspicious activity reporting process, and includes instructions on accessing the training. A chart of suspicious activity reporting indicators and behaviors is included.

[Suspicious Activity Reporting Private Sector Security Training Overview](#)

Suspicious Activity Reporting Private Sector Security Training is a module of the NSI's Hometown Security Partners suite of online training. This overview provides an introduction to the NSI, relates how private sector security officers and those charged with protecting the nation's critical infrastructure may fit into the suspicious activity reporting process, and includes instructions on accessing the training. A chart of suspicious activity reporting indicators and behaviors is included.

[Suspicious Activity Reporting Probation, Parole, and Corrections Training Overview](#)

Suspicious Activity Reporting Probation, Parole, and Corrections Training is a module of the NSI's Hometown Security Partners suite of online training. This overview provides an introduction to the NSI, relates how probation, parole, and corrections professionals may fit into the suspicious activity reporting process, and includes instructions on accessing the training. A chart of suspicious activity reporting indicators and behaviors is included.

[Suspicious Activity Reporting Public Health and Health Care Partners Training Overview](#)

Suspicious Activity Reporting Public Health and Health Care Partners Training is a module of the NSI's Hometown Security Partners suite of online training. This overview provides an introduction to the NSI, relates how public health and health care partners may fit into the suspicious activity reporting process, and includes

instructions on accessing the training. A chart of suspicious activity reporting indicators and behaviors is included.

[Suspicious Activity Reporting Public Safety Telecommunications Training Overview](#)

Suspicious Activity Reporting Public Safety Telecommunications Training is a module of the NSI's Hometown Security Partners suite of online training. This overview provides an introduction to the NSI, relates how public safety telecommunications professionals (e.g., 9-1-1 operators) may fit into the suspicious activity reporting process, and includes instructions on accessing the training. A chart of suspicious activity reporting indicators and behaviors is included.

Other Resources

[State and Local Anti-Terrorism Training \(SLATT®\) Program](#)

The SLATT Program provides law enforcement personnel with specialized training and resources to combat terrorism and extremist criminal activity. A username and password are required to access the SLATT Web site. To request a username and password, please complete the [Web site registration form](#).

[Communities Against Terrorism](#)

Through the Communities Against Terrorism program, law enforcement agencies develop partnerships with their local business community to educate them on how to recognize terrorism/extremism warning signs and how to share the information with the right organization in order to prevent terrorism. To assist law enforcement agencies with their outreach efforts, various brochures are available for download on the SLATT Web site. To request a username and password for the SLATT Web site, please complete the [Web site registration form](#).

[ISE in the News](#)

The Information Sharing Environment (ISE) frequently posts articles about ISE Mission Partners. As a part of the ISE fabric, the NSI is often highlighted in these articles.

Historical Documents

[Nationwide SAR Initiative Annual Report 2012](#)

This annual report provides an overview of the accomplishments of the Nationwide Suspicious Activity Reporting (SAR) Initiative (NSI) during the period from March 2012 to March 2013, including enhanced outreach and training, and highlights the program's expanded efforts to implement NSI policies, standards, processes, and technology across all levels of government while ensuring that privacy, civil rights, and civil liberties are protected.

[Nationwide SAR Initiative Annual Report 2011](#)

This annual report provides an overview of the Nationwide Suspicious Activity Reporting (SAR) Initiative's (NSI) accomplishments during the period from March 2011 to March 2012, as well as the program's expanded efforts, advancements, and continued implementation of NSI standards, policies, and processes.

[Nationwide SAR Initiative Annual Report 2010](#)

This report provides an overview of the first 12 months of the Nationwide Suspicious Activity Reporting (SAR) Initiative (NSI) and features the program's foundation, success, and future growth.

[Nationwide Suspicious Activity Reporting Initiative Concept of Operations](#)

Provides a common understanding of the NSI process so that implementation activities can be planned, executed, and measured.

[Building Communities of Trust: A Guidance for Community Leaders](#)

This document is a complementary piece to the *Guidance for Building Communities of Trust* and was developed to assist community leaders working with law enforcement agencies to facilitate dialogue and discuss ways to work together to prevent crime and terrorism.

[Guidance for Building Communities of Trust](#)

The Building Communities of Trust (BCOT) guidance provides advice and recommendations on how to initiate and sustain trusting relationships that support meaningful sharing of information, responsiveness to community

concerns and priorities, and the reporting of suspicious activities that appropriately distinguish between innocent cultural behaviors and behavior that may legitimately reflect criminal enterprise or terrorism precursor activities. The guidance was developed in partnership with select sites that participated in the NSI Evaluation Environment.

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